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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE FOR THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

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1. LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT ASSESSED AND TENTATIVELY
APPROVED A PROPOSAL BY THE FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND SECRE-
TARY POSITIONS FOR FY 1977 FOR THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. NEA
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HAS BEEN ASKED TO UPDATE ITS VIEWS ON THIS.

2. KUWAIT OR BAHRAIN WAS PROPOSED (IN THAT ORDER OF PREFERENCE) AS THE HOST POST. KUWAIT WAS CONSIDERED BY AGRICULTURE THE MOST FEASIBLE LOCATION BECAUSE OF ITS TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, ETC; BUT BAHRAIN'S LOCATION IS MORE CENTRAL. AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS WAS AMENABLE TO THE PROPOSAL AND FORESAW NO INSURMOUNTABLE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS IN ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE OFFICE IN KUWAIT. FINAL POST SELECTION WOULD DEPEND LARGELY UPON THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES' ASSESSMENTS OF THEIR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW OFFICE.

3. MEANWHILE, FORMAL DECISION MAY BE REACHED BEFORE LONG TO ESTABLISH AID REGIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES ATTACHE AND

INISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/SECRETARY POSITIONS IN BAHRAIN. ATTACHE WOULD BE ACCREDITED ALSO TO KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, AND UAE. IN ANY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WORK, HE AND THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE WOULD NEED TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS. HOWEVER, AGATT WOULD CONCENTRATE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON MARKETING.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES' VIEWS ON LOCATION OF AGATT ARE REQUESTED. ALL ADDRESSEES ARE WELCOME TO COMMENT AGAIN ON PROBABLE UTILITY OF RESIDENT AGATT IN PROMOTING AGRI-BUSINESS SALES ON PENINSULA. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BY AUGUST 31. KISSINGER

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